



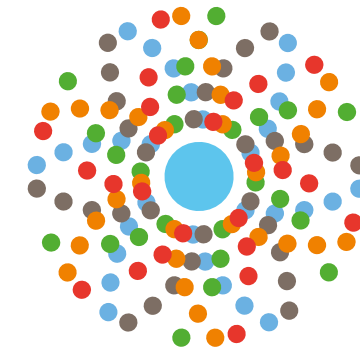
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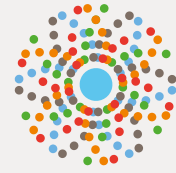


Leadership in a Divided World

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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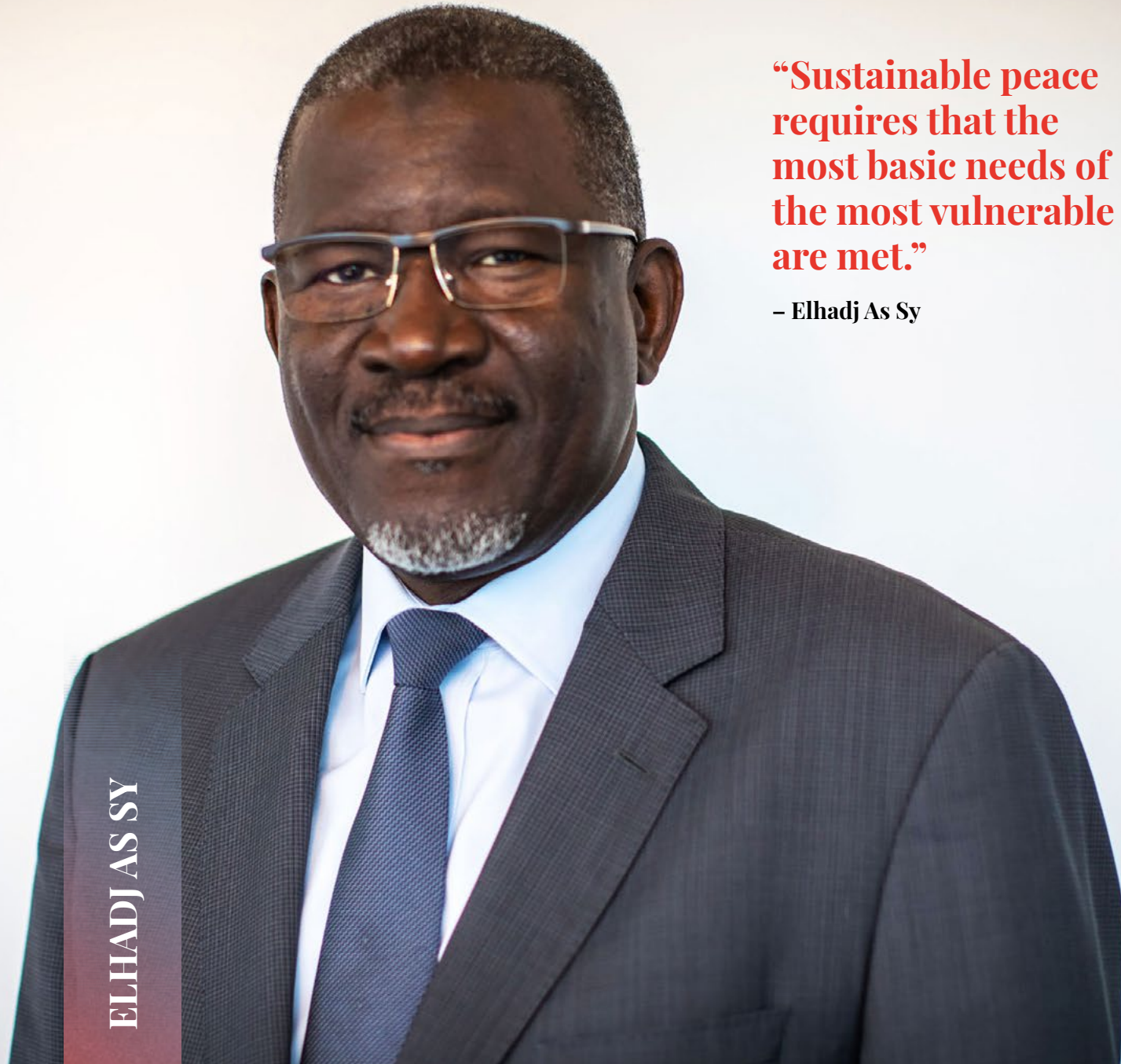
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“Sustainable peace requires that the most basic needs of the most vulnerable are met.”

– Elhadj As Sy

FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR

Elhadj As Sy

Chair of the Board

When he delivered the annual Kofi Annan Peace Address last November, Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees started his lecture with these words “We live — again — in a time of war. A time in which — with increasing impunity — men pick up arms to kill, rape, destroy and above all seize power.” This simple acknowledgement that armed conflict may have become the defining characteristic of our times gave us all pause for reflection, as many of us grew up with the belief that war was a thing of the past. Well, war is here, with its devastating consequences on civilians.

“Violence sharpens the differences between us; leading some to believe that coexistence with the so-called Other is impossible” warned Kofi Annan. Armed conflict is indeed both a cause and a consequence of our divisions. From a paralyzed Security Council to profound political, social and economic divides in our communities, anger and resentment dominate conversations in the halls of the United Nations, in our parliaments, in our universities, and sometimes even in our homes. As half of the world population goes to the polls this year, these divides are exacerbated by simplistic messages, misinformation, and malicious disinformation.

The Foundation’s work to promote electoral integrity and democracy in this digital age, to reconcile communities and build bridges across generations, and to advocate for international cooperation is becoming even more vital. Sustainable peace, however, will not be built on free elections and inclusive governance alone, as essential as they are. It requires that the most basic needs of the most vulnerable -food and health- are met. In 2024, therefore, we will dedicate efforts to reimagining global governance for food security. We are very lucky that Peter Piot is joining our Board. His expertise in multilateral cooperation, and his commitment to effective international action to overcome global challenges, will bring great value to our work.

The Foundation has the vision, the will, and the know-how to bring game-changing solutions at the local and global levels. It can only do so with your support.

Elhadj As Sy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elhadj As Sy', written in a cursive style.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Corinne Momal-Vanian

Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation

In 2023, we marked the fifth anniversary of Kofi Annan's passing. In these troubled times, we miss his wisdom, his calm, his compassion and his stubborn belief in dialogue and cooperation. To commemorate this special occasion, Barbara Hendricks sang in a unique performance before the Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address, a powerful speech delivered last November by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, who spoke of Kofi Annan as "a trusted and valued mentor", and "a man of peace".

My colleagues and I are all very proud to carry his legacy forward, and we try every day to live up to his vision for his Foundation. Many of our efforts are focused on promoting excellence in leadership. We do so by developing with partners a special programme for aspiring politicians; by celebrating young democracy activists who are nominated for the Kofi Annan Next Gen Prize; by promoting civic engagement through our WYDE project in Sub-Saharan Africa; by supporting Extremely Together leaders working to prevent violent extremism or young Changemakers making a difference around the world.

All these programmes are inspired by Kofi Annan's unique brand of ethical, collaborative and effective

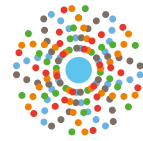
leadership. He exemplified the "long-view leadership" which The Elders are calling for, and which they define as "showing the determination to resolve intractable problems not just manage them, the wisdom to make decisions based on scientific evidence and reason, and the humility to listen to all those affected."

Speaking on leadership a year before he passed away, Kofi Annan warned us; "Today", he said, "I get a bit worried, when I hear some of the leaders making aggressive noises... Don't be impressed by these noises coming from leaders. We need to work together." At a time when the loudest voices call for walls to be erected, weapons to be sharpened and laws to be flouted in the name of some higher interest, we hope that more men and women in position of power and influence will display such long-view leadership and will have the courage to invest in peace, democracy, and cooperation.

Corinne Momal-Vanian




CORINNE MOMAL-VANIAN



About the Kofi Annan Foundation

Our mission:

To build on Kofi Annan's legacy for peace by advancing democracy, youth leadership and international cooperation.

The Kofi Annan Foundation is an independent not-for-profit organization established in Geneva, Switzerland in 2007 by former United Nations (UN) Secretary-General and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, the late Kofi Annan. Our board is composed of prominent personalities from the public and private sectors around the world.

We work to build a fairer and more peaceful world, where no one is left behind, democratic principles and the rule of law are upheld, and divides are bridged through dialogue and international cooperation.



Our values

Our work is underpinned by the same courage, integrity and creativity that characterized Kofi Annan's efforts to resolve even the most intractable of global challenges. Inclusion, diversity and sustainability are at the heart of everything we do.



Our unique strengths

We are agile, fast and trusted. Our biggest assets are our name, our expertise and our network; we cultivate all three.



Our approach

We work closely with partners from international and regional organizations, foundations, universities and civil society. We convene stakeholders around the table, forge coalitions of trusted influence, channel expertise, champion ethical leadership and amplify Kofi Annan's legacy.



Our impact

Our impact is measured through our influence on key actors, as evidenced by their changes in behaviours, opinions and policies.

We have a proven record of defusing and preventing electoral crises, building the capacity of local and international actors to tackle disinformation, empowering young people and giving them a voice,

bringing the plight of victims of violence and discrimination to international attention, and helping divided communities reconcile.

We contribute to policy-making, participate in high-level conferences and join campaigns and calls to action.



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Our priorities & areas of work



Youth & Peace

Empowering youth to build a peaceful and sustainable future

Uganda, Philippines, Niger, Somalia, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Colombia, New York, Geneva, Sub-Saharan Africa



Elections & Democracy

Turning back the tide of democratic erosion

Malaysia, Kenya, Brussels, Geneva, Nigeria, Sub-Saharan Africa, DRC, Mexico



Multilateralism: The Kofi Annan Way

Advocating for a more effective, inclusive and equitable multilateral system

New York, Geneva, Brussels



Sub Saharan Africa

Covering the following sustainable development goals:



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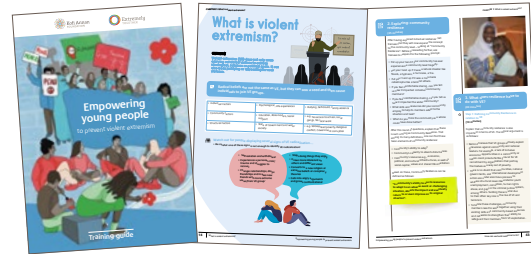
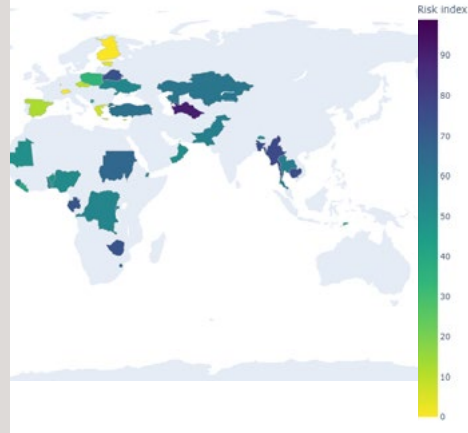


Some key actions in 2023

THE FOLLOWING IS A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK ACROSS THE YEAR.

2 Electoral Vulnerability Indexes

We teamed up with Varieties of Democracy to develop two Electoral Vulnerability Indexes to predict election-related violence.



New Training Guide

We published a new training guide to help young activists train their peers on preventing violent extremism.

Some 150 politicians, activists and experts attended a roundtable convened in Malaysia by the Foundation, Bersih and Global Bersih.

They discussed the challenges and opportunities that arise from governing through coalition. The roundtable garnered over 10,000 cumulative views online.



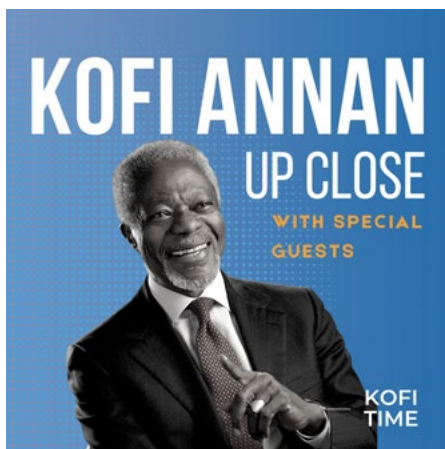
MARCH

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MAY

JUNE

JULY



8 special guests

We released the final episode of our first season of Kofi Time: The Podcast, "Kofi Annan: Up Close"

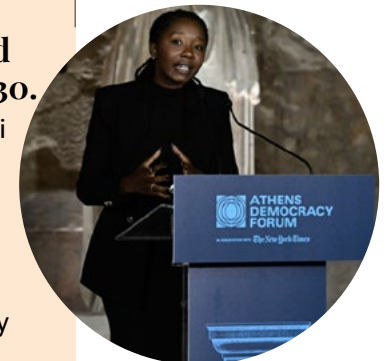


12 Changemakers from 11 countries around the world

The 2023 cohort of Kofi Annan Changemakers was announced! During a year-long programme they participated in online dialogue sessions, worked with their mentors, received a seed-grant and came to Geneva for a one-week in-person module.

10 finalists, 1 winner - all aged between 18 and 30.

25-year-old Namatai Kwekweza from Zimbabwe was announced as the winner of the first-ever Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize!





5 years
since Kofi Annan's passing

We commemorated the fifth anniversary of Kofi Annan's passing with a campaign to show how his legacy lives on.




5 YEARS ON
Remembering Kofi Annan




Roundtable in Nigeria
The Kofi Annan Foundation and YIAGA Africa hosted an Electoral Reform Roundtable in Nigeria with support from the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Participants analyzed the 2023 Nigerian elections and discussed areas in need of improvement to strengthen the electoral system.


Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address
Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered the 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address. The event included a special performance from Barbara Hendricks in honour of all refugees and Kofi Annan.





Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security
We announced the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security, set up with the support of The Rockefeller Foundation, to reimagine current global governance systems to reach zero hunger.

..... AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

Civil society meeting in the DRC
Ahead of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's (DRC) December elections, the Kofi Annan Foundation engaged with Congolese stakeholders, and, in Kinshasa, facilitated a meeting of Congolese churches and civil society organisations to identify conditions for credible elections.



Special Screening
Together with the Geneva Graduate Institute and Freedom Cartoonists Foundation, we hosted a screening of the documentary "The Price of Truth" about Nobel Prize winner Dmitry Muratov, in his presence.



Accountability Hubs
Round 1 of the WYDE Civic Engagement Anglophone Accountability Hub concluded with a week-long training and networking event in Nairobi, Kenya, bringing together 10 young leaders from 8 African countries.



Youth & Peace: our work in 2023

— EMPOWERING YOUTH TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE AND PEACEFUL FUTURE —

Young people have the energy, creativity and idealism to challenge entrenched patterns of exclusion and injustice and should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Even though young people are not a homogeneous group, they are uniquely placed to bring positive change in society. Social media and new technologies are embedded in young people's lives, and that knowledge can be used to catalyze collective action.

Convinced of young people's central role in addressing the most pressing challenges of today, the Kofi Annan Foundation facilitates their engagement, ensures that their voices are heard and supports their efforts towards peace and development.

“Investing in youth is investing in the future.”

– Ndugwa Hassan, Extremely Together Leader and Executive Director
of the Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum



A music class, part of our project “ACORDES por la paz.”
Credit: Fundación Nacional Batuta

Extremely Together

EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG LEADERS WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT AND COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM GLOBALLY AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

When it was founded in 2016, Extremely Together sought to promote youth leadership in the prevention of violent extremism (PVE) and elevate youth voices in decision-making on peace and security. Ten young experts in PVE led Extremely Together's advocacy efforts and developed the first counter-extremism guide for young people by young people. They have spoken in many high-level national

and international fora to disseminate Extremely Together's approach to preventing violent extremism and call for meaningful youth inclusion.

We have established Extremely Together national chapters in Somalia, Uganda, Pakistan and the Philippines, and we are working with local partners in the Sahel to develop chapters in Burkina Faso

and Niger. These local youth networks equip marginalized young people to reject the narratives of violent extremists and engage them in concrete actions to prevent violence and promote togetherness within their communities.



[DISCOVER MORE ABOUT EXTREMELY TOGETHER](#)

Preventing Violent Extremism: A Training Guide

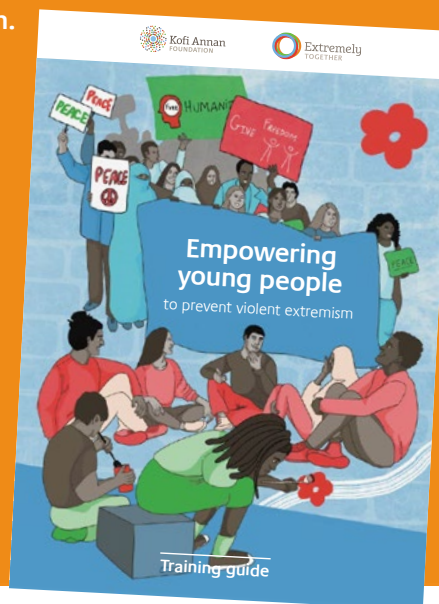
A guide to help young activists train their peers on preventing violent extremism.

Based on Extremely Together's years of experience training over 7,000 young people on the threat of violent extremism, the Kofi Annan Foundation developed a training guide (available in French and English) for young people who want to create change in their community on how they can train their peers in preventing violent extremism. Designed in collaboration with Extremely Together Uganda Chapter, its three chapters provides key insight into what violent extremism is, how to build self-

resilience, and what actions youth can take to prevent it.

To counter the influence of violent extremists, the world needs a massive mobilization for peace. Young people are already leading the way in promoting a more inclusive and peaceful world. With this manual, we hope to support their efforts!

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DISCOVER THE TRAINING GUIDE - AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH & FRENCH](#)



Bridges to Peace in Uganda

PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN UGANDA



Uganda has been experiencing increased terrorist attacks by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) since 2021. The security situation deteriorated in 2023 with the ADF's attack on the Lhubiriha Secondary School in Western Uganda in June 2023 that killed 38 students and numerous other terror attempts, some that were foiled.

In this context, the Kofi Annan Foundation and its partner Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum (UMYDF) are carrying out a series of urgent interventions over 18 months, to strengthen local capacities for peace in the areas most affected by violence.

Through workshops, testimonies of victims and of former ADF

members, radio drama programmes, knowledge exchange activities, community dialogues, and inter-faith exhibitions, our Bridges to Peace project seeks to reduce the vulnerability of those most at risk of being driven into violent extremism, and to raise awareness and encourage preventive action in their communities.

In 2023, with the financial support of the European Union, the project trained 68 influencers, media professionals and civil society leaders, as well as 132 at-risk individuals, in the prevention of violent extremism. It has heightened the vigilance against violent extremism of over 800 community members through video screening sessions and discussions. The project also supported 2,700 people from all religions to engage with other groups and to promote social cohesion through youth inter-faith exhibitions that demystified religious stereotypes.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGES TO PEACE PROJECT](#)

Kofi Annan Changemakers

The Kofi Annan Changemakers is an annual initiative for young people from around the world to dialogue with senior leaders and experts, build their capacity for positive action and perpetuate Kofi Annan's vision and values. Three years after the launch of the initiative, the Kofi Annan Changemakers form a growing community of young leaders who carry forward Kofi Annan's values.

In 2023, 12 young leaders were selected from 11 different countries around the world. Across the year, the Changemakers followed online dialogue sessions and workshops with former colleagues and friends of Kofi Annan and his Foundation, received guidance from mentors and received a seed-grant to expand their work's impact. The programme included a week-long in person module in Geneva, Switzerland, which allowed them to expand their network, meet their peers and pitch their seed-grant projects in front of a diverse audience composed of mentors, partner organisations from International Geneva and youth groups.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KOFI ANNAN CHANGEMAKERS INITIATIVE](#)



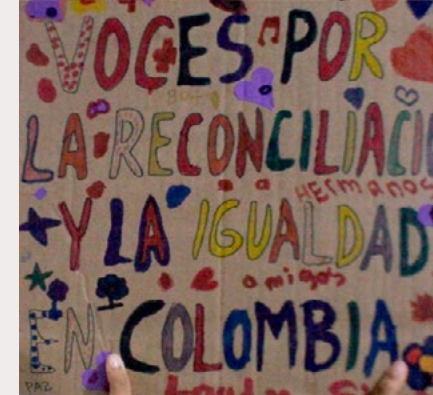
Extremely Together & Youth Democracy



Extremely Together was asked to contribute to the "Handbook for Youth Engagement Methods", an initiative led by the European Partnership on Democracy in collaboration with the European Democracy Youth Network.

The experience of Extremely Together Uganda Chapter in promoting youth civic engagement during the country's general elections was highlighted as an example of initiatives that have enabled young people to meaningfully participate in democratic processes. In the context of the electoral campaign that was characterized by high levels of violence and polarization, Extremely Together chapter sought to curb politicians' instrumentalization of young people through multigenerational dialogues between young people and their broader communities, workshops for young political candidates, contributions to the National Youth Manifesto and the creation of peace committees that worked to prevent the onset of electoral violence among youth from low-income districts.

The [case study](#) was published as part of the Youth Democracy Map in December 2023.



Voices of Reconciliation and Equality in Colombia

Seven years after the Peace Accord, the legacy of decades long conflict and deeply rooted social exclusion and inequalities continue to affect Colombia. The presence of competing armed groups contributes to persisting violence to which children and adolescents in conflict-affected territories are particularly vulnerable. They face forced recruitment, sexual exploitation and gender-based violence.

In 2023, the Kofi Annan Foundation and its partners Alianza para la Paz and Fundación Nacional Batuta pursued their work in Colombia, using music centers as platforms to promote peace, build resilience, and encourage gender equality amongst children, adolescents, and their communities.

With the financial support of Geneva Canton and following a pilot phase in 2022 in two departments highly impacted by violence - Putumayo and Arauca - the partners worked to define methodologies to build the capacity of teachers, students and their families in a music center "El Prado" in Puerto Asís, Putumayo.

The partners also facilitated experience-sharing workshops among a wider network of national institutions and local organizations and public dialogues on the role of music and culture in reconciliation. These insights and good practices will be consolidated in a practical resource for the integration of peacebuilding and gender equality in music education, a model that can be replicated elsewhere in Colombia and beyond. The guide, "ACORDES por la Paz", will be published and launched in 2024.

[DISCOVER MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Youth & Peace: Advocacy work in 2023

ELEVATING YOUTH VOICES

As a member of a global alliance led by ChangemakerXchange, the Kofi Annan Foundation was delighted to support the development and launch of the 2023 Possibilists Study alongside some of the world's largest youth social innovation networks. The report explores the impact, challenges and needs of young changemakers who lead initiatives that tackle diverse social or environmental problems across the globe. This year, we focused efforts on accessibility of the survey by helping young leaders to gather inputs from local youth without access to the internet. 38% of the respondents across 135 countries were from marginalized backgrounds.

During the week-long, in-person module of the Kofi Annan Changemakers programme held in Geneva, the 2023 cohort of Changemakers pitched their projects to a diverse audience. This pitching event provided these young leaders an opportunity to expand their network, hone their presentation skills and better understand what their peers are working on.

FACILITATING DISCUSSIONS

We co-facilitated the Peace and Security consultations for the People's Pact for the Future that took place online between 13 and 26 February. The consultations facilitated a broad discussion of issues and initiatives relating to international peace and security ahead of the Summit of the Future.

In the context of our Voices of Reconciliation and Equality project, we held multi-stakeholder workshops in October in Bogotá. The aim of the workshops was to gather and compare experiences, good practices and lessons learned on methodologies and pedagogies used by Colombian national and local institutions and organizations on approaching gender equality and peace through culture, music and education. The inputs fed into the "ACORDES por la Paz" guide launched in 2024.



ADVOCATING FOR YOUTH INCLUSION

We hosted an event with the European External Action Service (EEAS) on 6 July with the participation of the Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine and Ukrainian youth-led NGO Public Diplomacy Platform to advocate for youth inclusion in the recovery and rebuilding process.

PUTTING ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ON THE PEACE AGENDA

In May, Maud Roure moderated a session at the ChangeNOW Summit in Paris on "The confluence of environmental crisis, climate change and conflict."

We co-organized a workshop with the World Bank, Conservation International, International Union for Conservation of Nature, and SIPRI, as part of Geneva Peace Week on Fostering Collaborative Solutions at the nexus of Climate, Environment and Peace. The session, moderated by Sofia Anton Martins, attracted a full room and received a lot of positive feedback both from participants and guest speakers.

SHARING GOOD PRACTICES

Sofia Anton Martins presented the Extremely Together South Asia project findings at Hedayah's International CVE Research Conference in the Hague.

Sofia Anton Martins spoke at the Global Counterterrorism Forum's (GCTF) workshop on "Funding and Enabling Community-Level P/ CVE", drawing on the good practices and recommendations of the Extremely Together South Asia project and its "Building Peace Together" guide.

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Bridges to Peace Radio Drama

— MIFUMBI THE UNDERCOVER AGENT RADIO DRAMA SERIES —

Mayumba is a mother whose world falls apart as her daughter, Nakato, secretly navigates a forbidden love affair with their mysterious tenant, Mifumbi. Little do they know, Mifumbi and his partner, Mawute, harbor a dark secret—they are plotting a terror attack, exploiting the vulnerabilities of an unsuspecting community...

In collaboration with the Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum (UMYDF), we launched a radio drama series called “Mifumbi: The Undercover Agent” aimed at raising public awareness about the pervasive threat of violent extremism. Across three languages, this five-episode production captivated an audience of over 1.5 million listeners, reaching beyond the confines of our project’s targeted areas. Aired during prime time on two mainstream Ugandan radio stations, the series garnered remarkable engagement, demonstrating its ability to resonate with a diverse audience.

The radio drama unfolded through the lens of a group of young individuals grappling with the allure of

violent extremism. It delved into the underlying reasons that attract individuals to this ideology, while also offering alternative paths for those seeking direction and purpose. By humanizing the characters and exploring their motivations, the series avoided simplistic generalizations and instead fostered empathy and understanding.

The radio drama served as a powerful tool to build constructive dialogue and tolerance in a society grappling with the complexities of violent extremism. It demonstrated the potential of storytelling to bridge divides and empower individuals to make informed choices, while shedding light on the urgent need for prevention and the collective resilience required to overcome the threat of violent extremism.

[Listen to the radio drama series](#) and engage with its messages of peace, understanding, and resilience.



M I F U M B I THE UNDERCOVER AGENT

A radio drama highlighting the dangers of violent extremism



Youth & Peace: 2024 & beyond

— A SELECTION OF PROJECTS WE PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2024 AND BEYOND —

Building an Environment of Peace

Strengthening youth resilience to climate change and environmental degradation in contexts of violence and conflict.

In 2024, we will join forces with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and six organizations leading our Extremely Together Chapters to carry out research on the interconnected issues of conflict, environmental degradation and climate change and their impact on youth populations. The research, conducted with the

support of the Global Challenges Foundation, will be led by youth and engage marginalized young people aged 15-30 in Somalia, Uganda, the Philippines, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, and Niger. It marks the start of a wider programmatic effort to strengthen youth resilience in addressing environmental and social fragility.



Cultural Heritage for Peace in Lebanon

Preserving cultural heritage

Together with Fight for Humanity and the Permanent Peace Movement, the project will create a skilled young workforce to restore two historical sites in Saida and Tripoli, and increase social cohesion in the areas of the two sites by using the Lebanese shared cultural heritage as a connector and common ground.

Youth Leadership for Mental Health in Eastern Africa

Increasing access to mental health services and fighting stigma and other barriers related to mental health disorders in Eastern Africa.

Engaging with aspiring or active mental health professionals, as well as youth and community organizers active in the field of mental health in East Africa to equip them with the skills, resources, and networks to build educational programs, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives. In addition, the project aims to engage relevant institutional stakeholders in the region to prioritize mental health and provide further institutional support to mental health professionals working in their communities. It builds on the solid youth leadership development models established by MCW Global and the Kofi Annan Foundation and our youth networks in the region.



Extremely Together in West Africa

Expanding our network

Thanks to the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, we will develop a regional platform of youth-led civil society organizations engaged in peacebuilding and violence prevention efforts in Chad, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin, Togo and Côte d'Ivoire. Through online and in-person exchanges, the platform will serve as a basis for mutual capacity building, multi stakeholder dialogue and joined advocacy for youth inclusion in peace and security.

Elections & Democracy: our work in 2023

— TURNING BACK THE TIDE OF DEMOCRATIC EROSION —

Free, fair and safe elections are essential for democracy. They allow people to choose their leaders and hold them accountable. When elections are not fair or safe, people lose faith in their government and may turn to violence.

We work to help countries make sure their elections are fair, legitimate and safe. This means making sure that everyone can vote, that the votes are counted accurately, and that there is no violence. We also help countries address political problems that can undermine elections.

Our work includes advising countries on how to improve their electoral processes, monitoring elections to make sure they are free, fair and safe and working with civil society organizations to promote democracy.



“Politics is too important to be left only to politicians. Democracy depends on the lively participation of organised civil society in political life.”

– Kofi Annan

Promoting Electoral Integrity

A tool to forecast electoral violence using state-of-the-art machine learning.

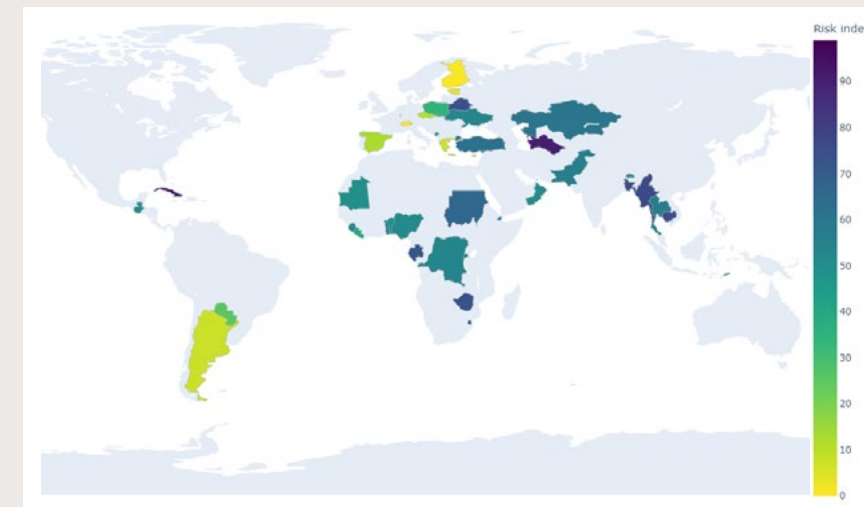
Electoral Vulnerability Index

The Kofi Annan Foundation has developed an Electoral Vulnerability Index (EVI) with the Varieties of Democracy Institute (V-Dem), a non-profit company established in collaboration with the Uppsala University in Sweden.

The EVI is a thematic country-level forecasting tool to predict the likelihood of phenomena such as political violence, coups, riots, large-scale changes to political institutions, and adverse regime change. The index will serve to

alert national and international stakeholders such as electoral management boards, political parties, observer groups, and ministries of foreign affairs or development of emergent threats, the explicit nature of these digital threats and enable intervention to address them early in the electoral cycle.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ELECTORAL VULNERABILITY INDEX ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



Risk of Electoral Violence in 2023 using the nine-model ensemble* – Source: Electoral Vulnerability Index 2023, Kofi Annan Foundation



Electoral Reform Roundtable: Nigeria

Alongside our partner Yiaga Africa and with the support of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we hosted a roundtable in Nigeria for election stakeholders that unpacked Nigeria's 2023 General Elections and raised awareness of the areas in need of improvement to strengthen the electoral system.

The roundtable brought together stakeholders from civil society and legislature, and election management experts for rich discussions and engagements to identified lapses in the electoral process and to propose reforms that ensure the loopholes are closed.

WYDE Civic Engagement: Accountability Hubs

PROMOTING AND ENABLING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN AFRICA

Despite making up more than 70% of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa, young people are systematically excluded from public affairs and their needs and ideas often overlooked. The Accountability Hubs project empowers young people to take a more active part in governance and public affairs across Sub-Saharan Africa. With the support of the European Union through the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), this initiative is led by the Kofi Annan Foundation, jointly with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and the Oslo Center, uniting forces to foster a more inclusive and vibrant democratic landscape in Africa.

In 2023, the Accountability Hubs project selected 20 young leaders from across the continent, divided into two hubs: anglophone and francophone – to promote accountability, transparency, and citizen participation in governance. These leaders received comprehensive training and mentoring, and will receive seed grants for their own projects aiming to increase accountability in governance - sharing their learnings with peers in their countries and communities.



The first round of the Anglophone Accountability Hub concluded in November with a week-long training and networking event in Nairobi, Kenya, bringing together 10 young leaders from 8 Anglophone African countries. During the programme, the young leaders developed their skills in Project Management, Financial and Political Accountability. The Hub met and visited the EU Delegation, the United Nations, and other senior figures to gain inspiration on ethical and democratic leadership.

Under our pilot action granting mechanism, Hub members also received individual tutoring on developing their own good governance and accountability pilot projects. In March 2024, we will bring the 10 young leaders that make up the Francophone Hub to Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for an in-person training and networking event, marking the end of the first round of the WYDE Accountability Hubs' training programme.

The next round of the project will start in 2024, and our 20 new, brilliant leaders will soon be announced.

Post-Election Roundtable in Malaysia

Providing a neutral space for constructive exchanges on good practices and challenges of electoral democracy

On 9 and 10 May 2023, at the Parliament of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, the Kofi Annan Foundation, The Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH), and Global Bersih convened a two-day roundtable to discuss the challenges and opportunities that arise from governing through coalition. The roundtable was attended by over 150 participants and garnered over 10,000 cumulative views online.

A Report on Deepening Democracy in Malaysia was drafted after the roundtable and launched at an event in Parliament. The bilingual report features insights from roundtable participants including ministers and senior local and foreign parliamentarians, experts and practitioners from Malaysia, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Canada, Australia, and the Philippines, as well as media practitioners and representatives from civil society groups and youth.

The report aims to aid Malaysians – from politicians, civil society and business actors, academics, media practitioners to ordinary citizens – in navigating an unprecedented political landscape: a hung parliament with a post-election coalition government.

[LEARN MORE ON PAGE 36-37](#)

Deepening Democracy

Electoral Integrity Initiative (EII)

A network of organizations and individuals who share a common concern for the unaddressed political challenges that undermine elections, especially in countries that have recently emerged from, or are experiencing, prolonged political instability.

We continue to nurture our community of electoral experts and host meetings twice a year, which provide the opportunity for exchanges of information on country situations and emerging challenges for electoral integrity.

[DISCOVER THE MEMBERS OF THE EII ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



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Promoting & Supporting Political Leadership Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize

Recognising exceptional leadership shown by young activists in defending, renewing and promoting democracy.

The Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize recognizes and celebrates the exceptional leadership shown by young activists in defending, promoting, or renewing democracy. This prestigious award is presented annually at the Athens Democracy Forum, bringing together a global community of young leaders committed to advancing democratic ideals. The winner of the Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize receives a USD 10,000 prize, a one-year mentorship with a renowned democracy expert, and the opportunity to speak at the following year's Athens Democracy Forum. This remarkable opportunity allows the winner to share their expertise and inspire a new generation of young leaders to join the fight for democracy. In 2023, Namatai Kwekweza from Zimbabwe won the first-ever Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize.

"Winning the Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize is humbling and is the start of a journey with a widened network of great people doing great work in the world!" Namatai said. "I am especially proud of the nine finalists, who I know are doing important and selfless work. I am thankful to my family and community who have made me! In Africa, we say, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' I am the child of my village; I am who I am because I belong to a successful team and network of people who have taught me authenticity, empathy, service, hope, and courage are important virtues. Democracy will not die! Our faith and hope in democracy are cemented by our actions today!"

Namatai's inspiring words echo the spirit of the Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize. This award is not just about recognizing individual achievements; it's about igniting a collective movement to strengthen democracy and empower young leaders worldwide.

[DISCOVER THE 10 FINALISTS OF THE INAUGURAL KOFI ANNAN NEXTGEN DEMOCRACY PRIZE ON PAGES 48 AND 49.](#)

HIGHLIGHT STORY

Supporting Malaysia in successfully moving toward multi-party democracy

On 9 and 10 May 2023, at the Parliament of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, the Kofi Annan Foundation, Bersih, and Global Bersih convened a two-day roundtable to discuss the challenges and opportunities that arise from governing through coalition. The aim was to support Malaysia’s ongoing progress towards consolidating multi-party democracy by sharing strategies and solutions to the implications of the 2022 election results - a hung parliament and post-election coalition, which has no precedent in Malaysia.

Since 2018, when elections brought an end to almost 60 years of single-party rule, progressive political leaders, revitalised civil society organisations, and newly independent media organisations have pushed the country in a more democratic direction.

Parliamentary and legislative reforms have improved the integrity of elections and brought increased transparency to political decision-making; changes to voting laws have empowered and mobilised the younger generation.

Yet due to the lack of precedent, there is some concern now about the viability of a post-election coalition government, and questions as to how a coalition of parties thrust together in the aftermath of a vigorously competitive campaign can govern together effectively.

Leveraging its expertise and experience from supporting elections and democracy in different parts of the world – including those where coalition governments are common – the Kofi Annan Foundation worked

with Bersih and Global Bersih to identify experts and facilitate discussions on several themes critical to Malaysia’s current situation. It did so in partnership with the Office of the Speaker of Parliament, and with the support of the European Union and the High Commissions of Australia and Canada.

Over the two days, participants considered presentations by politicians and academics from countries where post-election coalitions are the norm, and identified practices that may be applicable to Malaysia, including:

Strategies to enhance political stability in the context of hung parliaments and how post-election coalitions can effectively build

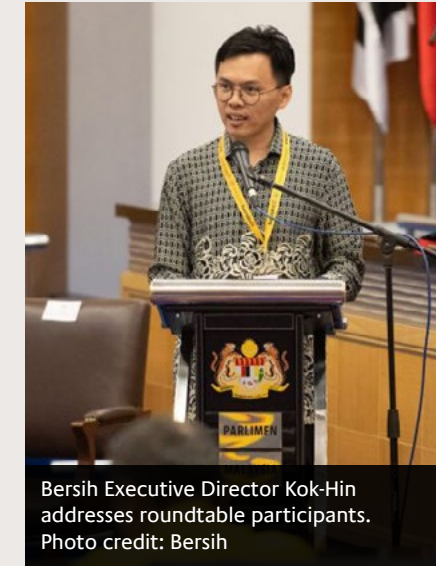
consensus, develop shared policies, and arrive at a common agenda for governance.

The role of Opposition Parties, Backbenchers and Members of Parliament, and the importance of empowering parliamentarians and giving them all the possibility to shape legislation.

The impact of different practices and structures common in parliamentary democracies, such as select committees, shadow cabinets and votes of no confidence.

The impact of traditional and new media; responsibilities of civil society, and the enormous impact of young voters.

The discussions were rich, covered a lot of ground; and can be accessed on [our website](#) or by this QR code:



Bersih Executive Director Kok-Hin addresses roundtable participants. Photo credit: Bersih



Participants of the two-day roundtable “Deepening Democracy in Malaysia” held at the Parliament of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, May 9-10 2023. Photo credit: Bersih

Here are some of the key points raised:

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Constructive competition is healthy and in fact, fundamental to democracy; it is how issues are debated and consensus achieved – it should be welcomed, and it need not descend into chaos or antagonism between parties.	Good government needs good opposition, and to effectively operate, Opposition groups need structure, resources and discipline.	While a range of rules and practices can foster healthy parliamentary democracy, the most important is that politicians from all sides share a common system of beliefs and that they all have trust in democratic institutions and in each other. A democratic culture must be nurtured, which also implies civic education.	In a country as diverse as Malaysia, all Parties should be prepared to come together and form coalitions. Unfortunately, populism often relies on exacerbating religious, ethnic or nationalistic divides, which undermines democratic progress.	Malaysia’s only path to political stability is to deepen democracy and make hung parliaments work; but Malaysian democracy needs to reflect Malaysian society and characteristics; it is important for national stakeholders and leaders to listen and learn from others, but also to find their own design of democracy.

Elections & Democracy: 2024 & beyond

— A SELECTION OF PROJECTS WE PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2024 AND BEYOND —

Leadership Excellence in Politics

Establishing a global network of institutions building effective and ethical political leadership to respond to current and future governance challenges.

In 2024, the Kofi Annan Foundation will launch the inaugural cohort of the Leadership Excellence in Politics (LEiP) course - a training and educational programme for aspiring young leaders from around the world on democratic leadership and multilateralism.

In partnership with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), NexusVesting and Apolitical, the Foundation will bring

15 young leaders to Geneva to expand their skills and expertise in leadership and civic activism; ethical leadership; democratic principles and practices, and how to foster inclusion, equality, security, and people's trust in national and public institutions.



“Many leaders today no longer seem to know how to deliver, or even what is necessary. This crisis of political leadership goes a long way to explaining the crisis of democracy itself.”

– Corinne Momal-Vanian, Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation.

Multilateralism and Democracy

Understanding the link between democracy and multilateralism.

Healthy and sustainable democracies have been the main driving force behind the international legal norms upon which the current multilateral system is built. However this system - and the notion of international cooperation and dialogue - is being hampered by growing polarization, nationalist agendas, authoritarianism and strong ideological divides. To highlight the link between democracy and multilateralism, and their central role in addressing major global challenges, the Kofi Annan Foundation will commission research and convene a series of discussions in Geneva on

themes such as climate change, new technology and human rights, to build a common understanding of how democratic, ethical and inclusive leadership is essential to solving global challenges.

Above and beyond these projects, the Foundation will also continue to promote youth leadership and participation in politics, notably with the continuation of the WYDE Civic Engagement Project, and another iteration of the Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Europe

In June 2024, more than 365 million EU citizens in the 27 Member States will be called to the ballot box for the 10th European parliamentary Elections. As the digital transformation continues in politics as in other sectors, elections continue to be negatively impacted by fake news and disinformation spread over social media.

Already a concern in previous elections, the advances in the use of generative AI have brought new and powerful methods for creating and conveying disinformation. As the elections unfold, the Kofi Annan Foundation will undertake a study of how AI is used in order to better understand the threat and help develop policy solutions.



Promoting Peaceful Elections in Ghana

To help ensure that the December 2024 Presidential Election is peaceful and delivers an accepted and credible outcome, the Kofi Annan Foundation, and the National Peace Council (NPC) of Ghana hope to facilitate a pre-election peace pledge.

Through a series of discussions across the country with civil society organisations (CSOs), young people, political parties, religious leaders, the Foundation and NPC will identify threats to peaceful elections and steps that candidates and political parties can take. Commitments will be made over the course of the year by political parties, and by Presidential Candidates in a public ceremony on the eve of the elections.

National Conversations on Nigeria's Quest for Nationhood

Since the end of military rule, Nigeria has made significant progress towards entrenching democratic processes and values, but recent elections reveal that critical questions about the future of Nigeria remain undecided. In partnership with the Nigerian

National Peace Council, the Foundation will seek to convene a multi-year, nation-wide series of discussions – in a neutral and de-politicised manner, with a view to helping government, civil society and all Nigerians chart a route to a prosperous, peaceful and unified Nigeria.



Multilateralism: The Kofi Annan Way

Advocating for a more effective, inclusive and equitable multilateral system.
A legacy of effective leadership and multicultural action.

Our engagements aim to build greater awareness of the strategies, policies, values, and approaches that allowed Kofi Annan to promote multilateral solutions to global problems, and of their relevance to today’s challenges. We do this through special projects and initiatives such as op-eds, lectures, awards, and exhibitions that commemorate Kofi Annan’s life or are named after him, and that convey his values and sustain his influence on contemporary events.

“We have the ability to reshape the global food security system to alleviate hunger, end poverty, and promote sustainable development.”

– Kofi Annan



The Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address

A high-level lecture on peace held every year as part of Geneva Peace Week.

On 3 November 2023, Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered the 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address. Enriched by Grandi’s extensive humanitarian experience, the Address served as a urgent reminder of the impact of the

absence of peace on civilians on all continents. Held during Geneva Peace Week, a time dedicated to peace and understanding, the Address highlighted the need for dialogue, compassion and leadership in times of crises. Learn more on page 44.



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Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security

Kofi Annan referred to the lack of food security for almost one billion people as an ‘unconscionable moral failing,’ and ‘a major brake on overall socio-economic development. As both the climate and food crises continue to grow, the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security aims to bring urgent answers in the form of a reenergized

global governance structure to the persistent challenge of food insecurity.

The Kofi Annan Foundation, with the support of The Rockefeller Foundation, is convening an eminent group of leaders – the Kofi Annan Commission on Food Security – to review the current challenges

to the global food security architecture; develop policy recommendations and possible models for a transformed global food governance system; and mobilize political commitment to adopt a new system that is fit-for-purpose to achieve a world with sustainable, equitable and resilient food security.



Kofi Annan Road Safety Award

Honouring outstanding contributions to road safety in Africa.

"Road accidents are no accidents," said Kofi Annan, who rejected a fatalistic approach to road crashes and encouraged policies and programmes to improve road safety. The Kingdom of Morocco hosted the second edition of the Kofi Annan Road Safety Award in Marrakech on 25 and 26 September 2023. Held on the theme, "Digital Transformation and Innovations for Safer Roads", the event was jointly organised by the Ministry of Transport and Logistics of Morocco, the National Road Safety Agency (NARSA), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the

United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety and the Kofi Annan Foundation.

The Kofi Annan Road Safety Award recognises governments, the private sector, civil society, organisations, and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to road safety in Africa. The award's second edition specifically highlighted governments that implemented serious measures and actions to achieve the objectives of the second UN Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, aiming to halve road deaths by 2030.

[DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE KOFI ANNAN ROAD SAFETY AWARD ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



The winners of the 2023 Kofi Annan Road Safety Award

Kofi Annan Scholars

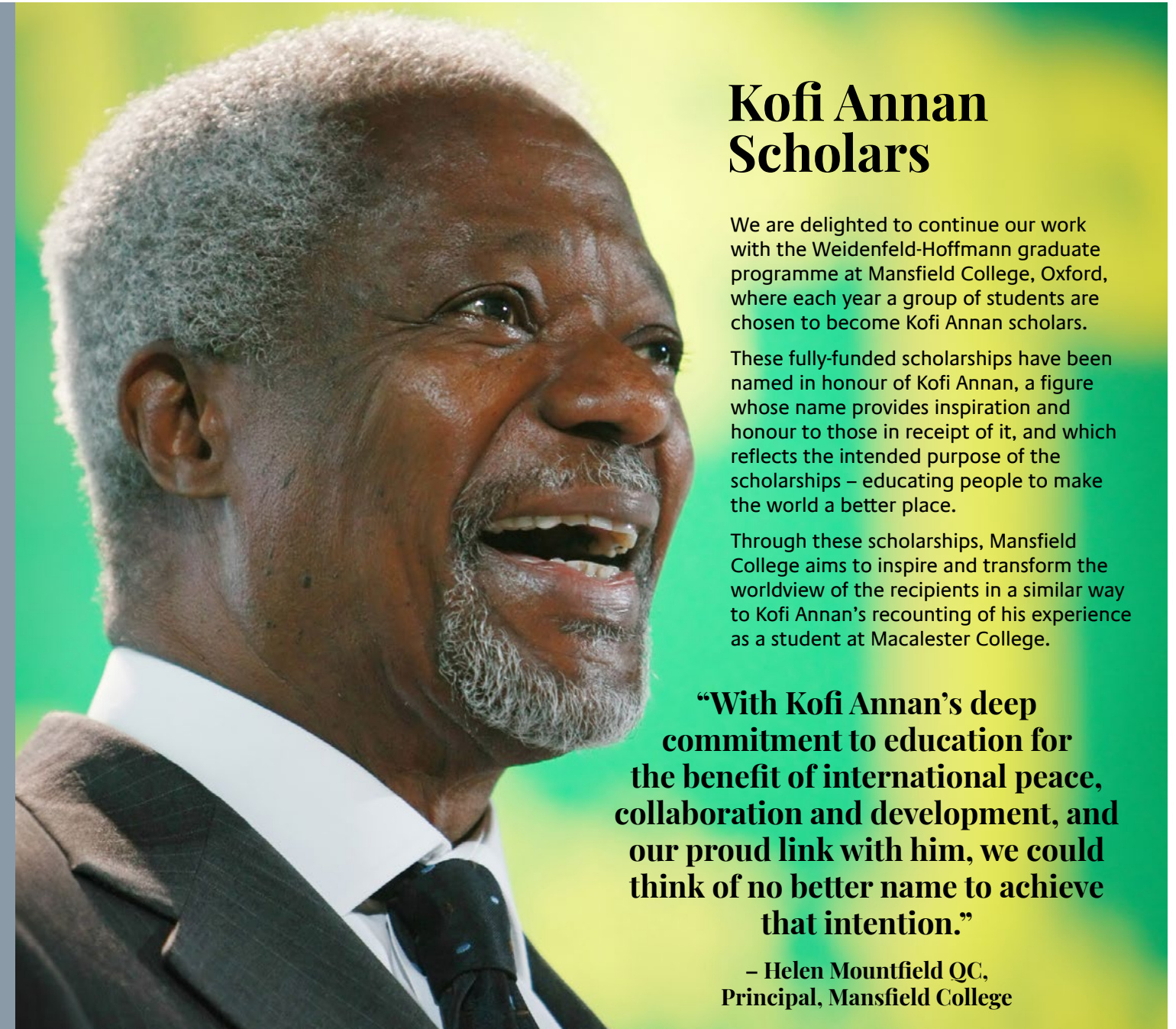
We are delighted to continue our work with the Weidenfeld-Hoffmann graduate programme at Mansfield College, Oxford, where each year a group of students are chosen to become Kofi Annan scholars.

These fully-funded scholarships have been named in honour of Kofi Annan, a figure whose name provides inspiration and honour to those in receipt of it, and which reflects the intended purpose of the scholarships – educating people to make the world a better place.

Through these scholarships, Mansfield College aims to inspire and transform the worldview of the recipients in a similar way to Kofi Annan's recounting of his experience as a student at Macalester College.

“With Kofi Annan’s deep commitment to education for the benefit of international peace, collaboration and development, and our proud link with him, we could think of no better name to achieve that intention.”

– Helen Mountfield QC,
Principal, Mansfield College



HIGHLIGHT STORY

The 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address

A Call for Peace in a time of war

Five years after the passing of Kofi Annan, his vision for a peaceful global society continues to resonate powerfully. In this landmark year, the Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva Graduate Institute and Geneva Peacebuilding Platform once again hosted their annual high-level lecture on peace: The Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address.

On 3 November 2023, Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered the 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address.

Filippo Grandi opened his keynote lecture with a simple, striking statement, “We live — again — in a time of war”, noting the profound divides and polarization affecting current international relations, the 46 emergencies in 32 countries declared over the past 12 months by UNHCR and the steep increase in the number of displaced people worldwide, which reached the unprecedented figure of 114 million in 2023. He emphasised the necessity of Geneva Peace Week and reminded us of Kofi Annan’s belief that we must all contribute to peace in our own way.

The event featured an exceptional performance by Barbara Hendricks, celebrated Soprano, human rights activist, and Lifetime UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador. A champion for the rights of refugees, she sang her “Medley for Refugee Children” consisting of “Summertime”, “Home” (a poem by Warsan Shire), “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”, and “O Freedom We Shall Overcome”, with accompaniment by Ulf Englund on the bottleneck guitar.

The event and discussion were moderated by Ahmad Fawzi, one of Kofi Annan’s former spokespersons and Communication Advisor.

The 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address was organised in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva Graduate Institute and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform as the closing event of the tenth annual Geneva Peace Week. The event was made possible thanks to the support of the Republic and Canton of Geneva, Geneve Internationale and the City of Geneva.

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“Our world — this world at war — desperately needs a reboot of the very principles of law and humanity to counter the trends and actions that we are seeing today.” – An excerpt from Filippo Grandi’s 2023 Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address



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THE 2023
KOFI ANNAN
GENEVA
PEACE
ADDRESS



EXCERPT FROM "HOME" BY WARSAN SHIRE

No one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border
when you see the whole city
running as well

your neighbors running
faster than you
breath bloody in their throats
the boy you went to school with
who kissed you dizzy behind the
old tin factory

is holding a gun bigger than
his body
you only leave home
when home won't let you stay.

The Kofi Annan Way:

Multilateral Cooperation in 2024 & beyond

A selection of projects we plan to launch in 2024 and beyond:

The second edition of the Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa

Supporting innovative food security solutions in Africa

In July 2022, the Federal Chancellery of Austria, together with the World Food Programme Innovation Accelerator, the Austrian Development Agency and the Kofi Annan Foundation, awarded the inaugural Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa (KAAIA) to three African start-ups. The KAAIA supports promising African social entrepreneurs with a sustainable business model to develop digital solutions for the common good, honouring Kofi Annan's legacy and commitment to a more fair, just and equitable world. Each winner receives EUR250,000 (US\$250,000) in grant funding, as well as access to international visibility and long-term mentoring.

In 2024, we will launch the second edition, this time focusing on SDG2 – Zero Hunger.

[DISCOVER THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST KOFI ANNAN AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN AFRICA](#)



The Kofi Annan Lecture Series

An Annual Lecture championing Kofi Annan's values

The inaugural Kofi Annan Lecture was delivered by Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados in September 2022. 2,000 people watched the lecture live, and over 7,000 online afterwards. The Kofi Annan Lecture Series is a joint project of the International Peace Institute, International Crisis Group, Kofi Annan Foundation, and Open Society Foundations. The lectures, held in New York around the time of the high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly, provide an opportunity for speakers to set out new ideas and agendas for international cooperation and diplomacy, recalling Kofi Annan's role in championing rules-based cooperation and sustainable solutions. The 2024 edition of the Kofi Annan Lecture Series will be announced in early 2024.

Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning Awards 2024

Honouring extraordinary contributions to freedom of expression made by editorial and political cartoonists.

The inaugural Kofi Annan Courage in Cartooning Awards were presented by the Freedom Cartoonists Foundation in Geneva on 3 May 2022 (World Press Freedom Day) to two cartoonists, Vladimir Kazanevsky from Ukraine and Gábor Pápai from Hungary. The next edition is set for May 2024.



Our youth network

Celebrating the Voices of Tomorrow

In a world often clouded by challenges, there shines a beacon of hope — the Kofi Annan Foundation’s network of young leaders. United by a shared vision of peace, progress, and positive change, these remarkable individuals from diverse backgrounds and corners of the globe shows the power of power of youth-led initiatives in shaping a brighter future.

Extremely Together

Defying Extremism, Championing Peace

Since its inception in 2016, Extremely Together has been at the forefront of countering violent extremism. From the bustling streets of the Philippines to the tranquil landscapes of Norway, our 10 young leaders and 6 country chapters have embraced a peer-to-peer approach, bridging gaps in international efforts and redefining the narrative. Together, they exemplify resilience, courage, and a steadfast commitment to building bridges where others see barriers.

Our Extremely Together Chapters

Uganda	Pakistan
The Philippines	Niger
Somalia	Burkina Faso



The Extremely Together Young Leaders with Kofi Annan

Our 10 Extremely Together Young Leaders

- Arizza Nocum (The Philippines)
- Bjørn Ihler (Norway)
- Fatima Zaman (UK)
- Hajer Sharief (Libya)
- Ilwad Elman (Somalia)
- Jonah Obajeun (Nigeria)
- Mimoun Berrissoun (Germany)
- Ndugwa Hassan (Uganda)
- Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi (Pakistan)
- Zaid Al Rayes (Syria)

Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize

The Future of Democracy | The winner and 9 finalists of the 2023 Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize

Winner:
Namatai
Kwekweza

Finalists:

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| Alejandro Daly (Venezuela) | Esther Ze Naw Bamvo (Myanmar) | Edmilson Angelo (Angola) |
| Andrew Regalado (USA) | Nicole Becker (Argentina) | Rosemarie Ramitt (Guyana) |
| Duaa Muhammed (Syria) | Maung Sawyeddollah (Rohingya) | Nika Kovač (Slovenia) |

Kofi Annan Changemakers

Amplifying Youth Voices, Inspiring Action

In the spirit of dialogue and intergenerational collaboration, the Kofi Annan Changemakers initiative empowers young voices to resonate on the global stage. Hailing from over 25 countries, our select group of changemakers converges online and in Geneva, Switzerland, to engage with seasoned leaders, driving meaningful discourse on issues of paramount importance. Their stories inspire, their actions ignite, and their voices echo far beyond borders, igniting sparks of change in every corner of the world.

The 2023 Cohort of Kofi Annan Changemakers:

- Benjie Allen Dela Pasion Aquino (The Philippines)
- Clement Ngosong (Cameroon)
- Laura Natalia García Torrejano (Colombia)
- Mable Chileshe (Zambia)
- Mathias Charles Yabe (Ghana)
- Nabeela Iqbal (Sri Lanka)
- Sabir Ali (Pakistan)
- Taylor Dee Hawkins (Australia)
- Tayma Abdalhadi (Palestine)
- Toha Shamsoo Issah (Ghana)
- Vee Silas (Nigeria)
- Aida Marukyan (Armenia)



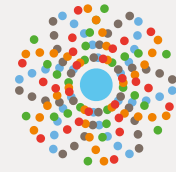
WYDE Civic Engagement Accountability Hubs:

Nurturing Leaders, Igniting Impact

Rooted in the heart of Sub-Saharan Africa, the WYDE Civic Engagement Accountability Hubs nurture the next generation of ethical and democratic leaders. Handpicked from over 17 countries, our cohort of 20 young trailblazers undergo comprehensive training and networking, equipping them with the skills and tools to effect tangible change. With unwavering dedication and the support of dedicated seed grants, they transform vision into action, catalyzing grassroots movements and championing progress in their communities.

The 20 Young Leaders chosen to join Accountability Hubs in 2023-2024

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| Daisi Omokungbe (Nigeria) | Estelle Djanato (Benin) |
| Gloria Albert (South Sudan) | Essossiname Tagnami (Togo) |
| Mauline Gragau (Ethiopia) | Fanta Coumba Karembe (Mali) |
| Mealii Swazuri (Kenya) | Héritier N. Mumbere Sivihwa (DRC) |
| Mumbiko King’ori (Kenya) | Ismaël Compaoré (Burkina Faso) |
| Nashiba Nakabira (Uganda) | Ismaila Yalcouye (Mali) |
| Ossei Owusu Prince (Ghana) | Souwaiba Ibrahim (Niger) |
| Petrider Paul (Tanzania) | Sylvain Langue (Chad) |
| Raymundo Chifundo Magangani (Malawi) | Tiana Harimiora Randrianarison (Madagascar) |
| Victor Kirui (Kenya) | Zipporah Dulcie Ndione (Senegal) |



The Kofi Annan Foundation Board

Our Board is made up of prominent personalities from around the world.



Elhadj As Sy (Chair of the Board)
Senegal

Former Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



Nane Annan
Sweden

Nutrition advocate, artist, and former lawyer. Nane Annan is the wife of the late Kofi Annan.



Louise Arbour
Canada

Canadian lawyer, prosecutor, and jurist. Former Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for International Migration.



Samson Itodo
Nigeria

Lawyer and democracy activist from Nigeria. Founder of Yiaga Africa, an NGO whose mission is to promote democracy in Africa.



Kyung-wha Kang
Korea

President and CEO, Asia Society, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea



Doris Leuthard
Switzerland

Swiss politician and lawyer. Member of the Swiss Federal Council between 2006 and 2018. She was elected as President of the Swiss Confederation for 2010 and 2017.



Susana Malcorra
Argentina

Former Foreign Minister of Argentina, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Field Support and former Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme.



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Michael Møller

Denmark

Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and the 12th Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.



Ivan Pictet

Switzerland

Former Senior Partner of Swiss multinational private bank Pictet & Cie and former President of Fondation pour Genève.



Ghassan Salamé

Lebanon

Lebanese academic, politician and diplomat.



Peter Piot (as of 2023)

Belgium

Belgian physician and microbiologist, Special Advisor on global health security to the President of the European Commission, Founding Executive Director of UNAIDS.



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MORE ABOUT
OUR BOARD

The Kofi Annan Foundation Team

At the Kofi Annan Foundation, we are driven by a shared passion for making a positive impact on the world. Our team is composed of exceptional individuals with a deep commitment to advancing democracy, empowering youth leadership, and fostering international cooperation.

Each of our team members has shared their favourite quote from Kofi Annan as Kofi Annan's words continue to inspire us!



Corinne Momal-Vanian

Executive Director

“Each of us must share
the pain of all who suffer,
and the joy of all who hope.”
Kofi Annan



Maud Roure

Deputy Executive Director and
Head of Programmes

“No dispute is so entrenched
that it cannot be overcome,
and enmity between peoples
need not last forever.”
Kofi Annan



Li Ling Low

Head of Finance & Administration

“There can be no long-term peace and
security without development. There
can be no long-term development
without peace and security.”
Kofi Annan



SCAN TO DISCOVER MORE
KOFI ANNAN QUOTES



Genna Ingold

Head of Communications

“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.”

Kofi Annan



Laura Kerbidi

Communications Associate

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”

Kofi Annan



Sofia Anton Martins

Programme Manager:
Youth & Peace

“The world is not ours to keep. We hold it in trust for future generations.”

Kofi Annan



Linda Peterhans

Programme Manager:
Youth Leadership

“The right to play belongs to everyone. And that, by the same token, development, health and peace are not “spectator sports”. They require commitment and engagement by individuals, communities, as well as governments.”

Kofi Annan



Alessia Ulf Bandini

Programme Consultant:
Youth & Peace

“Unless action is taken on climate change, sustainable development will not be achieved.”

Kofi Annan



Declan O'Brien

Head - Democracy & Multilateralism

“There is no single model of democracy, or of human rights, or of cultural expression for all the world. But for all the world, there must be democracy, human rights, and free cultural expression.”

Kofi Annan



Teresa Lévigne

Senior Programme Manager:
Democracy & Multilateralism

“We will not enjoy security without development, we will not enjoy development without security, and we will not enjoy either without respect for human rights.”

Kofi Annan



Karen Zamberia

Programme Manager:
Democracy & Multilateralism

“All of us, not only Presidents and generals, must play a role in building peaceful and stable communities; and that we cannot be innocent bystanders.”

Kofi Annan



Ayooshee Dookhee

Programme Manager:
Food Security Commission (as of 2024)

“We have the ability to reshape the global food security system to alleviate hunger, end poverty, and promote sustainable development.”

Kofi Annan



Fiona Goudroye

Project Associate: Youth & Peace,
Food Security Commission

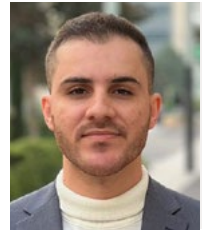
“The different, the displaced, the refugees are the ones who enrich all our lives, and your tolerance and openness toward them will open new worlds for you, and make you welcome wherever you go.”

Kofi Annan



Nelly Martin
Travel & Administration Coordinator

“To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there.”
Kofi Annan



Mohammad Shehadat
Project Associate:
Youth & Peace (as of 2024)

“A sustainable peace is of course more than the absence of war.”
Kofi Annan



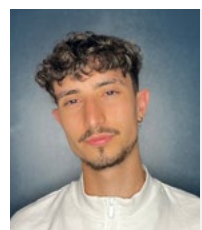
Clara Bernard
Intern: Youth & Peace

“We must uphold the principles of dialogue and tolerance. Without them there is no peaceful exchange of ideas, no way to bring people together, no chance of arriving at mutually agreed solutions.”
Kofi Annan



Alexandre Najib El Meouchi
Intern: Democracy & Multilateralism

“Reconciliation can be seen as a process, an aspiration and an outcome.”
Kofi Annan



Benedetto Rabbito
Intern: Youth & Peace

“Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace.”
Kofi Annan

Special Advisors



Arnauld Akodjenou
Special Advisor for Africa



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CHF 1,178k | 42%



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2023 Expenses

in thousand CHF

TOTAL

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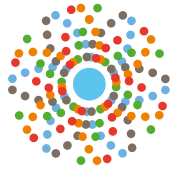


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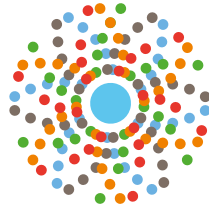
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